

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-15, 17 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claim 21 is new. Claims 1-21 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 USC 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Independent claims 1, 7, and 14 have been amended by removing the added negative limitation, and so are believed to be allowable. Claims 2-6 and 8-13 depend from claim 1 and claims 15-20 depend from claim 14, and so are believed to be allowable as well.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 7, and 14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Russell-Falla in view of Weiser et. al. in view of Doerre et. al. in view of Chakrabarti et. al. Russell-Falla teaches blocking the display of a web page (or other digital record) from a search engine link that contains a particular type of content. Weiser teaches integrating a headerless apparatus into a messaging environment. Chakrabarti teaches a web crawler that includes a topic-specific library for user search. Doerre teaches generating a content taxonomy of electronic documents.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to claims 1, 7, and 14 as amended, neither Russel-Falla, Weiser, Doerre, nor Chakrabarti, separately or combined, teach or disclose “recognizing a concept association for the two or more recognized concepts associated with a conceptual model that includes the concept association for the two or more recognized concepts,” as recited in claims 1 and 7, or using the conceptual model to indicate an associated conceptual type to a document that can be used for searching. It is therefore believed that claims 1, 7, and 14 are allowable. Claims 2-6 and 8-13 and 21 depend from claim 1 and so are believed to be allowable as well. Claims 15-20 depend from claim 14 and so are believed to be allowable as well.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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